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BOARD OF TRADE TO URGE CITY COUNCIL

To Provide Better Fire Protection to Woodenware Works.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Palatka board of trade last Monday night the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, the Florida Woodenware Company of Palatka suffered the loss by fire of its plant on May 4th last, and incurred considerable loss beyond the insurance protection thereon, and Whereas, the said firm claims doubtless with justification, much of said loss could have been prevented with adequate water protection by the city of Palatka, and

Whereas, the said city of Palatka has a water main near the said site of the Florida Woodenware Company, and

Whereas, this body, the officers and board of governors of the board of trade of Palatka, Florida, hereby request the honorable mayor and city council of the city of Palatka to extend, build, and maintain a water main to or near the said site of the Florida Woodenware Company, and

Whereas, this body of the board of trade will aid and assist the mayor and city council in any way that may be practical to obtain the desired result; and

Whereas, the board of trade of Palatka wishes to express its appreciation of the pay roll maintained by the said Florida Woodenware Company and express its sympathy in their loss by fire, and

Whereas, the Board of trade of Palatka hereby offers its co-operation in any way that may assist the owners of the Florida Woodenware Company to re-establish its plant and again give employment to its quota of men as before the loss by fire; and

Whereas the officers and owners of the Florida Woodenware Company have shown a devotion and a patriotic spirit in its attitude to Palatka in requesting but a small favor, and

Whereas, it is the desire of this body that said request be granted by the city of Palatka and a public recognition of appreciation for the benefits derived by the city of Palatka to the officers of the Florida Woodenware Company; and further, be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be handed the mayor and city council by a committee from the board of trade urging their co-operation, and that a copy be mailed the Florida Woodenware Company showing our appreciation of efforts to aid Palatka.

"DIXIE HIGHWAY" ROUTE UNSETTLED

Kissimmee Meeting Favors Route via Ocala and Leesburg.

The Putnam county delegates to the "Dixie Highway" meeting in Kissimmee last week succeeded in securing the recommendation of the Green Cove Springs, Palatka, Crescent City and DeLand route as a substitute route. The majority at the Kissimmee gathering favored the route via Ocala, Leesburg, Orlando, Kissimmee, Everglades and Miami. Had Volusia and Seminole counties been represented, it is likely that the meeting would have declared for the Green Cove-Palatka route.

The Putnam county delegation was a real force at the meeting. They made all the noise necessary and appear to have made it at about the right time. Mr. Rowton, who was a member of the committee appointed to designate a route, led in the minority fight for Palatka. He lost first place there, but the chances are he will win in the end. The "highway" will without doubt go to Jacksonville. Once that fact is settled, the chances are that it will steer for Miami, either via St. Augustine and the east coast, or via Green Cove Springs and Palatka, on the west side of the St. Johns river.

E. W. Elliott, secretary of the Palatka board of trade was made secretary of the Kissimmee meeting. He made the motion looking to the permanency of the organization there effected, and which was finally established as the Central Florida Highway Association.

C. H. Kennerly was on his job every minute of the time, as so also were W. C. Norton and I. P. Babers, who represented the Crescent City board of trade. But the one big fight of the meeting in the interests of the Palatka route was put up by County Commissioner C. E. Rowton.

SENATE PASSES BILL OVER GOVERNOR'S VETO

A telegram to the Palatka News from Tallahassee last night states that the Senate passed the Judiciary Bill creating the new Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and making a circuit from the counties of Clay, St. Johns and Putnam counties, over Gov. Trammell's veto on Thursday. The measure will now go to the House, where it is not likely to muster enough votes to pass, even with a majority.

STOVER'S EXECUTION FIXED FOR JUNE 11.

Murderer of the Gardner Brothers has but Month to Live.

Last Tuesday Gov. Trammell signed three death warrants. That is not one of the pleasant features of the executive office, but it is one of the duties.

The first of these death warrants signed was that of Clyde Stover, the young negro who so brutally murdered the two Gardner brothers by shooting them in the back while acting as their camp roustabout during a hunting and fishing expedition up the Ocklawaha river last January. The details of this awful crime and the tracing and final capture of the murderer are still fresh in the minds of the people of Florida, especially Putnam county, where the crime was committed.

Stover's execution has been fixed by the governor for Friday, June 11th. It will take place in the jail yard, and will afford a free view from the street.

Sheriff Kennerly received the Stover death warrant from Tallahassee yesterday morning, and at noon yesterday the document was read to the condemned man in the jail by the sheriff in the presence of Clerk Hutchinson, Judge J. E. Marshall, Tax Collector Hancock, Deputy Sheriff Howell and Minton and several representatives of Palatka newspapers.

Stover stood close to the grating with his arms clinging thereto during the reading and it was easy to see that he realized fully the awful import. As the sheriff finished and folded up the document and placed it in his pocket there was a moment's silence.

"There are several newspaper men here," said Sheriff Kennerly to the condemned man, "and if you want to make any statement to them you can do so."

"I've got nothing to say," replied Stover, "but now that I've got to die, I would like to have my picture taken."

"That's all right," said the sheriff, "I will have some taken for you."

Sheriff Kennerly also asked the condemned man if there wasn't some more money taken from the murdered Gardner than the \$18 and \$22 he had already accounted for, but the man insisted that those amounts were all. Clerk Hutchinson reminded him that as he was soon to die that he ought not to go into eternity with a lie on his lips, and that if there was other money unaccounted for he ought to tell.

Asked again by Sheriff Kennerly if he wanted to say anything to the newspaper men, Stover replied that he didn't have anything more to say and didn't want to bother about anything now but his soul's salvation. The sheriff told him he could have any minister he wanted, and Stover said he would like to have Revs. Powell and Thompson. The sheriff asked him then how he would like to be baptized, whether by immersion or by sprinkling, and Stover replied that he guessed sprinkling was as good as any way.

Mr. Nerwich, managing editor of the Palatka Morning Post then turned to Stover and asked: "Are you sorry you killed these men?" "Course I'm sorry," replied Stover.

During the reading and interview the other negro prisoners crowded around and listened, and Stover seemed to be a kind of hero.

The other death warrants signed by Gov. Trammell on Tuesday were those of Herbert A. Fine of Miami, convicted of the murder of Mr. Crawford at Lauderdale during 1914. The date of his execution has been fixed for Friday, June 18th. Also that of Shelby Wise, a negro, convicted of the killing of Claude Brown in Palm Beach county in April, 1914. His execution will also take place on June 18th.

PUTNAM COUNTY IN THE LEGISLATURE

Tallahassee Democrat Pays Tribute to Our Representatives.

In a recent issue of the Tallahassee True Democrat, W. H. L. McLaurin, its legislative correspondent pays the following tribute to Putnam county representatives in the Florida legislature:

"Among the many good men representing the various counties of the State, none can boast of better men than the good old county of Putnam. These gentlemen are very unassuming, modest and conservative; but thoroughly alive to every interest of their constituents, and of the State. No county has sent to the capital, men of better character, of better horse sense, or, perhaps, of more lasting influence, than these most excellent gentlemen."

"Mr. McKenzie is the editor of The Palatka Times-Herald, a newspaper of great influence in the State, well edited and wisely managed. Mr. Tilghman is a successful business man, whose 'word is his bond,' and whose active services in the church, and community where he lives, has endeared him to all who know him. It is a pleasure to speak of these gentlemen in this way, as we can, conscientiously, both of them and many others of the present legislature."

NEW COLONY COMPANY OPENS FOR BUSINESS

In Palatka—Lands Near Carraway to be Sold to Small Farmers.

The Florida Colonization Company of Palatka is the name of a new company organized to develop lands in Putnam county.

The company has purchased about 5,000 acres of land on the G. S. & F. R'y, extending from Carraway to Baywood, and expects to begin the work of development immediately. The representatives of the company now here are Mr. W. G. Spiker and Mrs. H. M. Seese of Cleveland, Ohio.

In an interview with The News on Wednesday Mr. Spiker said:

"I have spent the past winter in Florida; I stopped in Palatka for a short time early in the season and made the acquaintance of Mr. Folsom, secretary of your board of trade. Then I went to south Florida where I investigated several land deals, none of which, however, did I consider as promising as the tract we have secured in this county. Palatka is one of the finest towns in the state and there is excellent country surrounding it awaiting development. We purchased this 5,000 acres of Mr. Hardin, and the large part of it is superior to anything we saw in south Florida. It is our purpose to lay out a town site at Carraway. Our plan is to sell these town lots at a reasonable price to actual settlers, and with each town lot to give a deed to a ten-acre tract near by. There are a number of small crops now being grown at Carraway, but the amount is not sufficient to secure reasonable freight rates. It was only last week that Mr. Elliott of your board of trade called attention to the fine Bermuda onions now being grown there, but which, for lack of sufficient quantity to secure proper freight rates, would not be profitable. We hope to get a sufficient number of actual settlers on these lands to do away with this objection. There are a number of crops which by actual demonstration can be made profitable under the proper conditions. What is needed is the advantage of a minimum marketing rate. This can only be secured by numbers. It is our plan to secure our settlers among the Germans and Swedes of the northwest. These people are workers, they are home builders, and more than any class I know contribute to the wealth of a section. We will warn all who contemplate coming here that they need a little money to assist them to get on their feet, certainly enough to tide them over the first year. We propose to show some of the difficulties of farming in Florida as well as its advantages, so that those who come with the view of taking up homes will be prepared for the little disappointments of life in Florida as well as its great and growing advantages."

Carraway is 11 miles west of Palatka on the G. S. & F. R'y, and as is well-known there is much good farming lands in that section.

There will be no need for any one to even contemplate a trip to the California Exposition, on account of the huge affair the Woman's Club will give next Friday and Saturday evenings, May 21-22, on the Georgia Southern grounds, for the benefit of the new club house which the ladies wish to erect this summer. At best, everyone should at least stop off here before proceeding any farther. The "shows" will all be of the usual high standard and endless variety of amusements will be in order. The grand street parade will leave Lemon and Second streets at 7:30 sharp, Friday evening. The ground will be a blaze of light. The midway will contain all oriental attractions; there will be several clowns and Tony of Hippodrome fame will be here; bushels of confetti, balloons, fun and noise galore.

There will be old plantation minstrels given by the survivors of the Civil war; an old curiosity shop where old relics, heirlooms and display of things unusual will be on exhibition; wonders of the world, human freaks, wild man from Germany, first-class vaudeville with leading vaudeville stars of today, Madam Jarley's Wax-works; a band of roving gypsies have given their consent to stop off on their way out west to tell fortunes, and one especially talented gypsy woman of noble birth, beauty and wisdom is one of the company. You cannot afford to miss any of these attractions. There will be peanuts, paddle wheels, candy made on the grounds by an expert, red lemonade made in the shade, popcorn Johnny will be on hand, women policemen, in fact everything ever heard of, and perhaps some things never heard of.

Save your nickels and dimes and come to the only real show. Hear ye! Hear ye! Leave your pocket books in our charge, as we have all modern facilities for taking care of them.

JENNY JONES CARNIVAL FOR WOMAN'S CLUB

To Be Given Next Week With No Apologies To Johnny.

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COL. HILBURN'S AGED FATHER PASSED AWAY

On Tuesday Morning at his Home in Rising Star, Texas.

Hon. S. J. Hilburn of this city on Tuesday last received a telegram from his brother, Rev. W. C. Hilburn, announcing the death of his father, Rev. Ancrum Spencer Hilburn, which occurred at his home at Rising Star, Texas, that morning. Deceased leaves surviving him, four sons and one daughter: Rev. Thos. B. Hilburn of Clarendon, Texas; Rev. Dr. John P. Hilburn of Tallahassee, Florida; Rev. Wm. C. Hilburn of DeLeon, Texas; Hon. Sam. J. Hilburn of Palatka, Florida and Miss Cordia Klough Hilburn of Rising Star, Texas.

The wife of the deceased died May 13th, 1911. They had lived happily together for more than fifty-nine years, having married early in life. The subject of this sketch never fully recovered from the loss of his companion and was willing to go. He often remarked to his children: "Your Mother's death was my death." So closely and devotedly to one another had they lived for this long period of time, that they were in reality inseparable. He also remarked to his children: "I am lonesome without your mother, I want to go to her." No doubt he has gone there, for their lives were devoted to the service of Him, who said "In my Father's house are many mansions."

Rev. A. S. Hilburn was born in Asheville, N. C., Feb. 22nd, 1832. Early in life he became a minister of the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and faithfully labored in the vineyard of his Lord until he received the summons to "Come up higher."

As a true man and patriotic citizen he headed the call of his native Southland at the outbreak of the civil war, and entered the Confederate military service, where he rendered faithful service until the close of the war. Many times he was offered promotion, but declined the honor, holding the position of chaplain, which he preferred. He was in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, viz: Chickamauga, Shilo, Corinth, Cumberland Gap, Franklin and others.

In education deceased was a well recognized leader. He spent much of his time creating sentiment for better schools and education for every child.

In fact, he lived for others, apparently having less concern for his own welfare than others. It can truly be said: "He lived to bless mankind."

A PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR WILL BE URGED

By the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce for Coming Winter.

The new rooms of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce were filled with enthusiastic members at the meeting last Tuesday night, when Maurice Cochran, the vice president, presided in the absence of President Jarrett.

About the first matter taken up was the Hastings brick road proposition, and after several had expressed themselves the matter was referred back to the committee. A monster petition is being prepared for presentation to the board of county commissioners at a special meeting of that board next Monday.

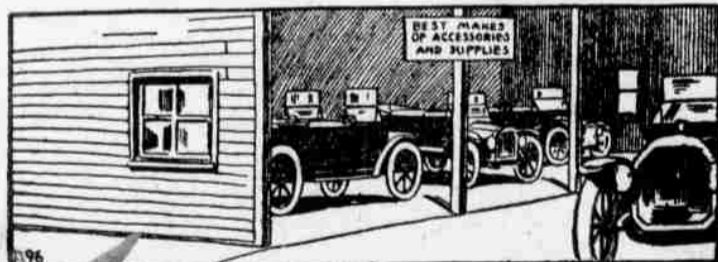
The meeting was enthusiastic in behalf of a Putnam county Fair to be held the coming winter, and the chamber went on record as determined to bring about this great event. Secretary C. H. Kennerly was instructed to notify the farmers of the fact early and urge them to make exhibits.

A communication was received from the Florida Woodenware Company whose plant was destroyed by fire last week, asking the aid of the Chamber of Commerce in inducing the city to give the company better water protection so that a repetition of last week's fire would be impossible. It was decided to appoint a committee to wait on the city council for the purpose of inducing this protection.

Secretary Kennerly made a very complete report of his trip to Kissimmee on Friday of last week as a delegate from the Chamber to the "Dixie Highway" meeting, and where the Putnam county delegates tried to secure the adoption of the route from Jacksonville to Kissimmee via Green Cove Springs, Palatka, Crescent City, DeLand, Orlando, Kissimmee, and thence on to Melbourne via Miami. Secretary Kennerly said:

"The best we could do was to get the proposed route adopted as second choice, but as the first choice route was acknowledged in the meeting as impracticable, this was as good as an endorsement of the route as first choice. If the delegates from Duval, Volusia, Seminole counties had been present to help us pull the route which was as much interest to them as to us same would have carried."

"You can rest assured though that the delegation from Putnam county did everything in their power towards same. In fact if we had not attended this convention I doubt if same would have lasted one hour."



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